

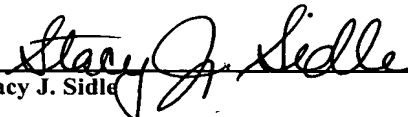
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
David John Zanzig, et al.)
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT OF)
RUBBER COMPOSITION COMPRISED)
OF SILANOL AND/OR SILOXY)
FUNCTIONALIZED ELASTOMER AND)
SILICA)
Serial No.: 10/628,735)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated October 21, 2005, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.